

### WHY JONES WAS ACCUSED.

#### But No Criminal Prosecution of Stout Contemplated.

A theory explaining why Mr. Stout had probably himself inflicted the pistol shot wound, was advanced yesterday by a prominent bank official. According to this authority Mr. Stout realized that he was getting old and was in a very bad way financially, and fearing prosecution in the federal court on a charge of having, while serving as president of the Utah National Bank, violated the national banking laws in loaning himself funds of the bank, he sought out a man who would stand under conditions that would strengthen the belief that an attempt had been made to assassinate him.

For the moment the bank official, whose theory is here related, impersonated Mr. Stout, and said: "I'll shoot myself, and taking care that the wound will not be immediately fatal, I'll accuse Cashier Jones of attempting to kill me, because he feared my testimony in the event of an inquiry by federal officials into the bank's past management would reflect unfavorably on him. Then, if I am indicted by the grand jury and tried for misappropriation of the bank's funds, my accusation against the cashier will be credited to the extent of a nut, and the prosecution of me for my illegal acts with the bank will fall, Jones is the man who refused to certify to my statement in the United States court, and I must do something desperate to discredit his evidence if this matter comes to an issue of criminality."

But this theory was based on an essential foundation by Bank Examiner Wightman, who declared last evening that Mr. Stout could not have been in a mental condition of a criminal prosecution for violation of the banking laws, because he was deemed to have known that no proceedings against him, against Cashier Jones, or against that matter, had been in contemplation, nor were any such proceedings in prospect.

### A VITAL POINT.

#### When Did the Murray Car Reach State Street?

Mr. Stout was in Murray on the day of the shooting, and came up on the car which is due to arrive in the city, at the corner of State and First South, at 6:15. This would make the arrival of the car at the corner of First South and State about 6:30. That corner is one block from the home of the wounded man. But the car was late ten minutes. That being the case, the car could not have been at the corner of State and First South at 6:15, so far as the corner was block away, is concerned. Allow him five minutes to walk the block, and he gets to the scene of the crime at 6:20, or twenty-five minutes before the tragedy occurred, and ten minutes before George Sutherland, Jones and Mrs. Jones passed the bank residence. The puzzle in this instance is: Where was Stout during the interval of twenty-five minutes? Was he lurking in the vicinity of his own home waiting to be shot? Now admitting, for the sake of argument, that the car was twenty minutes late. That would have brought Stout and Jones together at the corner, but Stout and Mrs. Jones were with him at that time. The shooting could not have occurred then. Make the delay in the arrival of the car twenty-five minutes, and Jones would have been past the corner five minutes. Make it thirty-five minutes late and they could not have met under any circumstances. Jones, according to the statements of himself, Mrs. Jones and another witness in the house.

### HOW JONES SPENT THE DAY.

#### Kept Busy Receiving Expressions of Confidence From Friends.

Cashier A. B. Jones was at his desk in the Utah National bank at the usual hour yesterday morning. His face was as ruddy and his manner as congenial as ever, but it was altogether spontaneous. Mr. Jones is not one who is easily flattered, and he is sufficient to tell that. He went through the routine of work yesterday just as he has day after day, except that his work was interrupted by an almost constant stream of citizens, including many of the best men of Salt Lake, who called to give him a hand-clasp, express their absolute confidence in him, and utter a word of cheer. All of this was courteously received, but the word of cheer seemed hardly necessary. Mr. Jones bore himself like a man, and as one who is quite capable of demonstrating his innocence at any time. He would not discuss the case except in a general way, denying the whole affair and expressing regret for Mr. Stout's condition.

### WHAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED.

#### When the Chief Was at Mr. Stout's Bedside.

Chief Pratt went to the residence of Mr. Stout about 8 o'clock Friday, as stated in yesterday's Herald, and was ushered into the presence of the wounded man, Dr. Pinkerton being the only other person present. Stout had previously made the statement to Detective Gillespie that he knew who did the shooting, but refused to divulge the name. The chief told him plainly that in entering the cause of justice, he had a right to know the person who committed the crime, and insisted on a full explanation. Stout hesitated for some time, expressing his reluctance to divulge the name unless the wound should be considered probably fatal. Chief Pratt grew intensely in earnest, and Mr. Stout finally consented to Mr. Stout's information that the wound was a very serious one, and might prove fatal, and further, that he had any statement to make, he should do so immediately.

### MR. JONES' STATEMENT.

#### He Accounts For Every Moment of His Time.

In his statement to Chief Pratt yesterday morning, Mr. Jones said that he left the bank at 5:45 Friday evening to go home, and stopped at the Walker House for his wife. Together they went to their residence at 638 South Main street. After eating dinner he left home at 6:40, and arrived at the bank at 7:00. He had no recollection of any articles he proceeded to the bank, where a short time afterwards he was informed of the shooting by Glen Miller.

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